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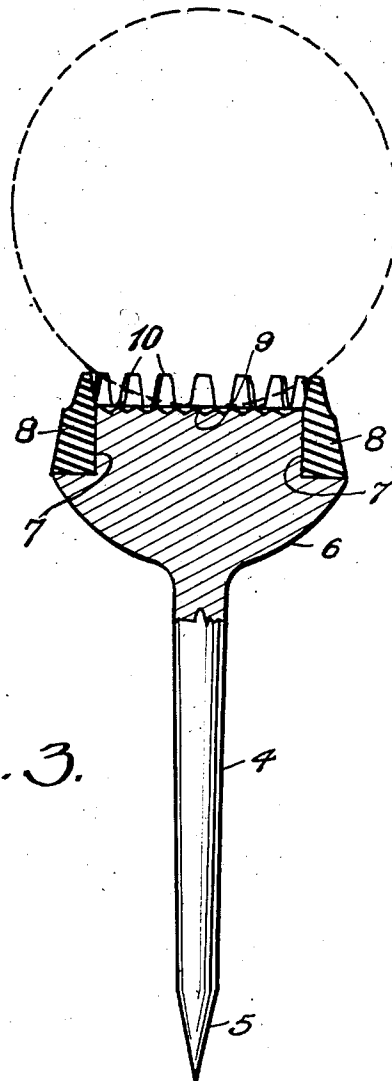
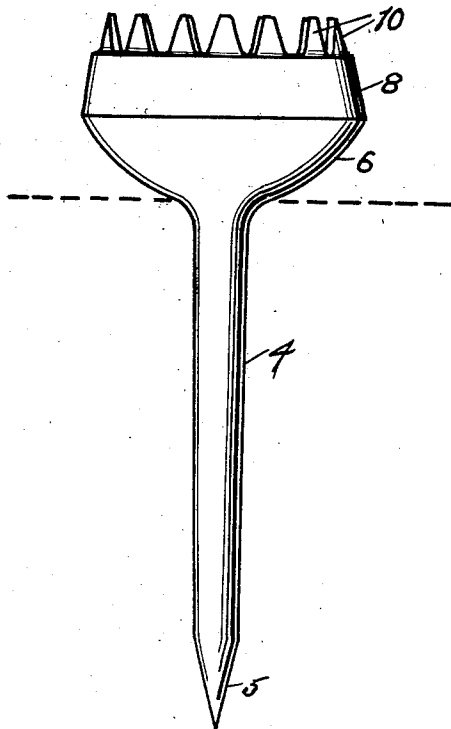
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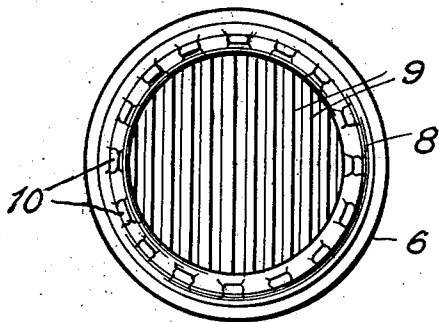
GOLF TEE

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*

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GOLF TEE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. BUDROW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsfield, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Tees, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to golf tees, and the object is to provide a simple device that will constitute a proper support for a golf ball, with means for maintaining it on the support, the supporting and retaining means at the same time allowing the ball to readily pass therefrom when struck, without danger of causing the ball to deviate from the course on which it is propelled by the golf club striking it.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the preferred form of embodiment.

Figure 2 is a top plan view.

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view.

In the embodiment disclosed, a stem 4 is employed, one end of which is sharpened, as shown at 5, so that it may be readily driven into the ground, the other end having an enlarged head 6, preferably, though not necessarily, made integral with the stem. The entire body thus formed may be of wood.

The head 6 has an annular groove 7 formed in its peripheral wall, producing a seat, and in this seat is fitted an elastic ring 8 of rubber or the like. This ring preferably terminates at the upper face of the head 6, which face is preferably horizontal, and may be roughened by small corrugations as illustrated at 9. The ring furthermore has an upstanding row of yielding lugs 10 that extend above the plane of the top surface, this row or ring of lugs having a diameter sufficiently great so that a ball, as indicated in Figure 3, when placed on the head will rest on the surface 9, the lugs thus constituting merely retaining means, and not supporting means for the ball.

This structure has been found to be a peculiarly effective tee or support for the ball, inasmuch as the ball has a firm support

directly on the head, and while the lugs retain it in place, these lugs "give" or yield easily when the ball is struck, and do not interfere materially with the free movement of the ball or cause it to deviate from the path it would have due to the force and character of the blow delivered.

From the foregoing, it is thought that the construction, operation and many advantages of the herein described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art, without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What I claim, is:

1. A golf tee comprising a pin having a head provided with a top surface on which the ball rests and a row of upstanding lugs surrounding the surface and spaced apart sufficiently to permit the ball to rest on said surface.

2. A golf tee comprising a pin having a head provided with a substantially horizontal top surface on which the ball rests and a row of upstanding yielding lugs surrounding the surface and spaced apart sufficiently to permit the ball to rest on said surface.

3. A golf tee comprising a pin having a head provided with a top on which the golf ball rests, and a ring surrounding the head and having a row of upstanding yielding ball retaining lugs extending above said top.

4. A golf tee comprising a pin provided with an enlarged head having a substantially horizontal top surface on which the ball rests, said head having an annular groove, and a yielding ring fitted in said groove and surrounding the head, said ring having a row of upstanding yielding ball-retaining lugs extending above the said top surface.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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